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DEATHS.

DANENBERG.—On April 20, 1921, at
Shanghai, Maria Esperanza,
aged 14½ years, the beloved
daughter of Mr. A. C. Danen-
berg of the Russo-Asiatic Bank.
RODRIGUES.—On April 20, 1921,
at Shanghai, Josephine Rodriguez,
the beloved daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rodriguez,
aged 2½ years.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1921.

HONGKONG FINANCES.

The debate on the new taxes, the accusations regarding the Government's extravagance, the earnest official rebuttal thereof, and the arguments concerning the advisability or otherwise of transferring some of the responsibility to property by means of loans, recall the classic story of the three blind men who wrangled and fought about the description of an elephant. "What is this?" said the first blind man, as he felt one of the elephant's legs. He was told that it was an elephant. "I perceive," he said, "that an elephant is very like a tree." The second blind man, feeling the animal's flank, declared that the elephant was more like a boulder. The third, feeling the trunk, was sure that it was more like a snake than a tree or a boulder. Each was sure that he and he alone was right, and maintained his view vociferously.

Now, our local discussion has taken place among blind men just

there would be evasions wherever a loophole might be left, and though the business conscience does not regard tax dodging as a crime, it is or should be one. It would be no greater hardship than some that already exist. If I forget to register with the police, under the absurd past regulations, I may be treated as a criminal. An honest, hard-working Chinese, who has been long abroad, and knows nothing of our trouble with arms smugglers, brings a gun into the Colony and is treated as a criminal. The Census, an expensive device for securing figures expected to be inaccurate, for the sole purpose of letting statisticians have fresh data to play with, could make some of us criminals. No one protested. Where is the difference?

Again recalling our story of the three blind men and the elephant, let us confess that the arguments of His Excellency the Acting Governor about loans have considerably impressed us. It was on the face of it stupid to suppose that the Government had not thought of this method of spreading liability on its own account, and we now have his Excellency's assurance that at one time the policy attracted him. He very fairly takes the gift off the gingerbread with his analysis of how interest and sinking fund would affect future taxation. Moreover, we are inclined to take quite seriously the suggestion of our Saturday contributor that the loan method would tend to encourage the Government to extravagance. That is really the chief reason of the general British policy of discouraging such loans. In only one of his arguments do we see a chance of picking a hole, and that not a very big one. The usual practice of giving productive works as security for such loans need not have held us back if, other things equal, we had

agreed on the necessity for loans for the revenues of the Colony generally would be good enough security, and a Crown Colony is in a rather different position from that of a mere municipality. What the Home Government can do on a gigantic scale we should be able to do on a small scale. Our expensive water works, for example, suggest themselves as an item the cost of which could fairly have been spread into the future; and trunk roads are another. If, by and by, millions are to be spent on the harbour (to which none is likely to object) why should all the cost come out of current revenue, and a long line of beneficiaries enjoy the permanent advantages for nothing? Of course, it is waste of time to argue it at all (save for the academic exercise afforded) if there is as much behind certain words dropped by His Excellency as we suspect there is. He said: "even if we were permitted to do so." Our anomalous position as Crown Colonists, forever subject to the whim of bureaucrats and the extortions of the Crown Agents, will be our perpetual chagrin until the constitution of the Empire is changed. Summing up, we consider that the general effect of His Excellency's remarks on this head should be to suppress any more talk of loans. One of his reasons for saying that it cannot be done may not hold water, but the other is final. We may as well save our breath to cool our porridge.

Our story of the three blind men and the elephant has given us such a tolerant mood that we would really like to be able to accept his denial of government extravagance also. If we remember that he is handling the trunks, or a leg, or whatever part of the beast you think his exalted position suggests, then we may at once admit that he makes out a good case. We are rather surprised to meet the argument that the Government, retarding necessary public works so that it might contribute to the cost of the war, was not extravagant. At our particular end of the elephant we are compelled to call that extravagance. Now that the war fever and its pernicious influence on the war fever to question his authority, his right to speak, and to be listened to with the respect that we owe to qualified and expert testimony. In effect he said these alarms, so far as the tax on telegraphic transfers was concerned, were all moonshine. It was a just tax.

The argument that these new taxes were an attack on "Free Trade" was so absurd on the face of it that it scarcely needed answering, but in our opinion the Hon. Attorney-General answered it adequately. Every tax could in that way be labelled as an infringement of the principle of Free Trade. The very rent that a tradesman pays for his premises is, if you admit that line of reasoning, an interference with "Free Trade." It is only import and export duties, especially any pretending to be a Protective Tariff, that the Free Trader resents, and as there have already been some small trespasses on the freedom of our port in that way, trespasses not resented by the Chamber of Commerce so far as we remember, this belated champion of Free Trade rang a bit false.

A great deal of exaggerated fuss was made about the penal clause. It was held monstrous that a defaulter should be treated as a criminal. Well, we all know that

time, and at the time you know what that public opinion was worth. It was, however, extravagant. Another argument which could be queried is His Excellency's recital of the dwindling opium revenue. Surely this was expected and allowed for long ago? To get into debt, when you know that your income is becoming progressively less, is usually regarded as extravagance. But we come to the meat of the matter. We all know, His Excellency included, beyond any chance of doubt, what was in the minds of those who accused the Government of extravagance. That costly motor road up the Peak sticks in all our gizzards. Public opinion, for what it is ever worth here, is solid about that. They can talk claptrap till doomsday about "necessary public works," about the opening up of housing sites, about linking up various areas of the island (by the way, when is the next dance at Repulse Bay Hotel?) but they will never come within leagues of convincing any of us that a motor road up the Peak is anything other than what it is, an extravagant bit of catering for the convenience of a numerically small class of habitually favoured people. In view of its enormous cost and small benefit to the general public, it would have been almost anything a conspiratorial extravagance; but to go on with it in face of a revenue known to be dwindling, what else can we call it? At our end of the elephant, remember, we are obliged to insist that it was extravagant. His Excellency in his end argues that it was not: what part of the elephant does he touch? We suspect that it is merely out of kindness of heart and esprit de corps that he thus argues, being, as it were, friend to the blind men that felt the tail, and held it an elephantine trifle. Let us, having arrived thus far, not be too eager to proclaim how we find our part of the elephant. If, for the reasons given, his Excellency does not consider the houses built for civil servants extravagant, if he thinks the way they were built, and the cost of them, not extravagant, very well, he regards them as not extravagant; and our opinion is of no importance. But up to a short time ago, we had learned to regard every P.W.D. job as extravagant. It is true that anything worth doing is worth doing well, but we think that the man who would build a pill-box to last for eternity an extravagant builder. It might, in view of its cost, really and truly be "worth" a guinea a box, but we can get quite useful effects for one and three half pence.

An end must be made somewhere. Let us note in conclusion the hint that the next budget may balance and even leave us a surplus, at the expense of selling Crown Lands, which, we are told, is really drawing on our capital. The elephant again. We regard these sales of Crown Land, on the terms now usually imposed, as an investment of idle capital; and we would like to see more of it. The Crown Rent is interest. The development of the land appreciates our capital. It is impossible to travel about this Colony and fail to notice the immense room for such appreciation.

VALE, MR. D. K. BLAIR.

GOING ON LEAVE TO-MORROW.

Mr. D. K. Blair, the dear ex-machine of the Chamber of Commerce, or, as they say, with some justice in jargonese, "the energetic and hardworking and capable acting secretary," goes on leave to-morrow. As the hymnologist might sing:

Change and D. K. in all around we see.

At Lowe and Bingham's, and etc

C. G. C.

So D. K. gets the change, as is

but fair,

His work trumpet; Hongkong

needs the blare.

Seriously (if that doesn't seem serious enough) Mr. Blair has worked very long and very hard and very usefully, in many ways, and we all wish him a good holiday and a safe return to the pinnacle of popularity and the Peak of success.

It is understood that Mr. Blair's medical advisers consider this rest advisable. He leaves on the "Empress of Russia."

PALACE ART THEFT.

ARTIST SELLS ROYAL PORTRAIT

FOR £2.

An artist, Anton Beirl, walked into a room in the Swiss wing of the Hofburg galleries in Vienna, cut a large picture of Ferdinand III. from its frame, walked out with it under his arm, and sold it 20 minutes later to a dealer for the equivalent of 2s. He has been arrested.

Another theft was that of the large bronze relief placed in 1902 on the rock in the beautiful Helenenthal near Baden, which was once Beethoven's favourite seat. The thieves used dynamite to dislodge the relief at night. It was sold to a dealer in metals for £2.

SPECIAL CABLES.

HONGKONG BANK.

NEW TIENTSIN BUILDINGS.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, April 26.
Sir Beily Alston, British Minister at Peking, leaves for Tientsin on Thursday on Board the "City Sank" to lay the foundation stone of the new Hongkong Bank building. Sir R. E. Stubbs, Governor of Hongkong, will also attend the ceremony.

WEIHAIWEI'S COMMISSIONER.

SIR JAMES LOCKHART RETIRES.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, April 25.
Sir James Stewart Lockhart, Commissioner of Weihaiwei is retiring after 19 years' administration. He is sailing for England on April 26 by the steamer "Pythrus."

BICE CLUB CHAIRMAN ILL.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, April 26.
Mr. Jackson, chairman of the Bice Club, is in hospital with appendicitis.

LABOUR DAY PRECAUTION.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, April 25.
Precautions have been adopted in case of possible demonstrations on May 1, Labour Day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, April 26.
The ss. "Ewes Castle," from New York via Ports to Hongkong arrived at Kowloon on April 24, and was due to sail for Hongkong on April 26.

Admitted to bail of \$5 yesterday, L. Hartman failed to appear before Magistrate Lindsell this morning to answer a charge of having been drunk and incapable. The money was estreated.

For the unlawful possession of three tails of prepared non-Government opium, a Chinese fireman employed on a Wuchow steamer was this morning fined \$300 by Magistrate Orme. The drug was confiscated.

As the result of attempting to steal from a moving tram car in Connaught Road yesterday, a Chinese fireman was cut on the back of his head that necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital. The injury is not serious.

Having admitted the larceny of 8 lbs of sugar from the China Sugar Refinery East Point factory, a machine-hand who had borne a good character during the two years he had been employed at the refinery was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Orme to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

A sad accident occurred on board the ss. "City of Manila" in Kidderpore Docks on the night of April 9. Mr. J. Massie, one of the ship's engineers, was attending to the electric lights above one of the holds when he slipped and fell into the hold, falling a distance of nearly fifty feet. He was removed to hospital but expired before arriving.

When charged before Magistrate Orme this morning with the murder of a fellow villager in Ngauza, an elderly Chinese pleaded "not guilty." A second man charged with having aided and abetted the first accused to dispose of the dead body, said that he had been paid to do it. He did not know that the deceased had been murdered. On the application of the police, the Magistrate remanded the accused in custody for a week.

Clothing in a robe of more than glory.

It is hardly necessary to say that Mrs. Humphreys had a dainty little picture. It is named "Columbine" and the verses attached were by Trevor Blakemore.

"Columbine, I've seen you dancing in the night."

In and out the leaves and moonlight

— and dark and light.

Now you can't escape me.

Why do you run on?

Columbine, I want you

Columbine—She's gone."

Miss Kirkpatrick contributed an amusing cartoon entitled "The Bank Crash," the quotation being from Otar Khayam.

"I came like the water and like the wind I go."

Owing to the general excellence of the Black-and-White work the colour drawing took for once a secondary place. There were, nevertheless, a good number of exhibits. Amongst them were several sketches by Miss Bowen, whose fountain in the Botanical Gardens, and a fir-tree with splashes of pink flowers on a grassy slope were good, the former being soft and harmonious, the latter bold and decisive. There was an interesting sketch of the Chou Ni Temple Gate at Kyoto by Mrs. Marshall Wood, a vase of flowers by Mrs. Toko, and a nice little sketch with flowers in the foreground by Mrs. C. E. Brown. The best picture in oil was that sent in by Mr. Blom.

Chen Yau, a Chinaman, wealthy owner of several laundries in Hamburg, has been found robbed and murdered in an opium den in the Chinese quarter of the port.

Three negroes of the night had been hacked off and were found a few yards away. His widow says that he was robbed of rings valued at £2,000 marks (nominally £600).

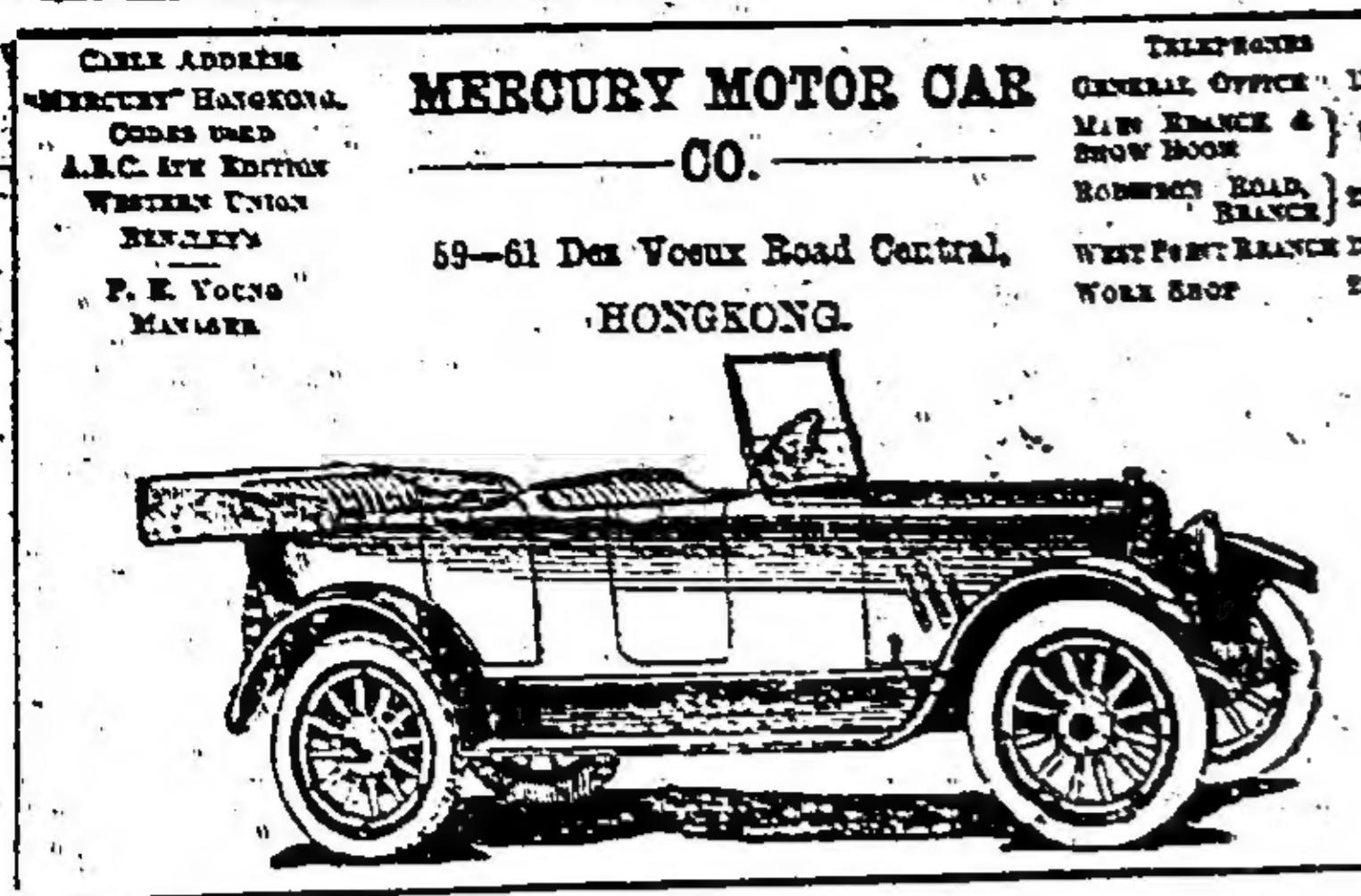
OUR GOVERNOR'S ERRAND.

AND SIR ROBERT HO TUNG.

The departure from the Colony of the Governor and Sir Robert Ho Tung occurred so closely together that the "China Mail" indulged in a little "intelligent anticipation." We suggested that the voyage north of both men at the same time was not a coincidence, but that there was business afoot. The news since received that they both lunched with the President of China on the same day has lent colour to our suggestion. The quidnuncs are declaring that His Excellency has gone up to talk about railway matters, but it will afterwards appear, we think, that he had other fish to fry. We are bound to hear about it by and by.

HONGKONG ART CLUB.

[CONTRIBUTED.]



TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

STRIKE DEADLOCK.

RAILWAYMEN'S GRAVE DECISION.

ATTEMPT TO STARVE THE NATION.

LONDON, April 26.

The gravity of the decision of the National Union of Railwaymen not to handle coal in colliery sidings or from overseas during the miners' dispute was emphasised by Sir Eric Geddes in the House of Commons this afternoon when he pointed out that this coal was absolutely necessary to the life of the community. Preventing the delivery of coal could only be interpreted as an attempt to starve the nation. He declared that the Government during this and previous disputes had favoured a class—Labour cry of "oh!" and loud ministerial counter-cheers—and had secured the necessities of life to the whole community. (Cheers.) He had invited the Secretary of the Railwaymen's Union to meet him this afternoon to be trusted with good result, but no Government could allow the nation to be so coerced. (Loud cheers.)

FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, April 26.

After two hours' discussion the joint conference of the Government, mine owners and miners adjourned and will resume after Sir Robert Horne has separately conferred with the contending parties to-morrow morning in order to discuss to what extent a possible reduction in wages can be met by government assistance.

JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE.

ENTHUSIASTIC SEND-OFF AT MALTA.

MALTA, April 26.

The Crown Prince is receiving an enthusiastic send-off from naval and military salutes. The barracca and bastions were crowded as on his arrival.

GIBRALTAR, April 26.

The "Pittsburg" flying the flag of the American Vice-Admiral Niblack is expected here to-morrow. She will salute the Crown Prince when he arrives.

LONDON, April 26.

The Government will entertain the Crown Prince at Lancaster House on May 12. The Prime Minister will preside.

AUSTRALIA'S AIM.

TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ASIATIC PEOPLES.

MELBOURNE, April 27.

Mr. Hughes, in a speech at a farewell banquet prior to his departure for England, presided over by the American Consul-General, said that he did not believe Americans seriously contemplated war with Japan or vice versa. He was anyway certain that the British Empire was determined, there should be no war with either country. He affirmed the resolve of Australia to be reserved for white races, but declared that Australians did not wish to give pretext for offence to other nations. They wished to live in peace and friendship with the Asiatic peoples.

A DISPUTED RECEIPT.

TRIAL OF SHAM LAI SANG.

PRISONER GIVES EVIDENCE.

Evidence for the defence was heard at the Criminal Sessions to-day before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) and a jury in connection with the trial of Sham Lai Sang, managing partner of the Kowloon Stores, on a charge of forgery and false pretences.

The Crown case was conducted by Mr. Dyer Ball and the prisoner was represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkins.

Against the accused it is alleged by the prosecution that he forged a document purporting to be a receipt from Mr. Jan Hendrik van Gennep Luhrs, managing director of the Holland-Pacific Trading Company, for the sum of \$5,000. Evidence has been given that Sham Lai Sang was in possession of a number of blank contract forms signed by Mr. Luhrs and it is suggested that he cut out that portion of one of these documents which contained the signature for the purpose of converting it into a forged receipt.

This morning, after he had addressed the jury at considerable length, Mr. Jenkins put Sham Lai Sang into the witness box. The accused, in the course of his evidence, said he first met Mr. Luhrs in July of last year. An arrangement was made between them that the Holland-Pacific Trading Company should supply wines and spirits to defendant's firm on consignment and later, Mr. Luhrs having requested him to extend the business, witness went to Macao, where he obtained several orders. Mr. Luhrs then intimated that he had 150 cases of brandy coming forward and that if witness was prepared to deposit a sum of \$5,000 as security he

(Luhrs) would appoint him as salesman for the brandy. The arrangement was a personal one between witness and the Company and had nothing whatever to do with the Kowloon Stores. On September 21 witness paid the sum of \$5,000 to Luhrs in the latter's office. Luhrs locked up the money in an iron cash box and gave witness the receipt produced. The accused denied that he had ever been given contract forms by Luhrs. At Macao witness put through sales totalling \$2,158.12 and paid over a sum of about \$1,800 to Luhrs as portion of the proceeds. Receiving no commission from Luhrs in respect of the transactions he placed the matter in the hands of his solicitors.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dyer Ball, accused said that when he paid the \$5,000 to Luhrs the latter tore a piece of paper out of something in a drawer and himself typed out the receipt.

The accused denied the charge.

Mr. F. G. Vaux, who prosecuted, said that he had a further charge of embezzlement of the sum of \$31.60 which the accused had collected from the Sang Keng Co., and failed to pay to the credit of his firm, to prefer against him.

To this charge the accused also pleaded "not guilty."

Outline of the case, Counsel said that the accused and a man named Ching Fook were joint managers of the Hongkong Tailoring Co., and as such, were empowered to collect in behalf of the firm the rents of several houses of which the company were agents. The accused had collected the rents of several shops and made out receipts, but had failed to pay a sum of \$185, the total of the amounts which formed the subject of the two charges against him, to the credit of his firm. Counsel said that as he had only just been instructed for the prosecution, he was not prepared to proceed with the case, and asked for a remand.

The Magistrate remanded the case until next Wednesday, fixing bail in the sum of \$300.

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SANITARY BOARD.

THE MOSQUITO PEST.

SANITATION-DIFFICULTIES.

The question of the mosquito pest was again the subject of discussion at the fortnightly meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board which was held in the Board Room, Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. R. Sayer presided, and there were present the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins (D.P.W.), Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. G. G. Alabaster, Mr. Chow Shou-son, Mr. S. W. Tso, and Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds (Secretary).

A letter was read from the Government, relative to the campaign against mosquitoes, advocated at the last meeting of the Board. The letter stated, pending the report of the special survey instituted by the Sanitary Department, the Government saw no ground for authorising exceptional expenditure, but that, on receipt of that report, such steps would be taken as the Government deemed necessary.

Dr. Koch: May I ask when it is likely that this report will be ready, and will it be laid before the Board, or go straight to the Government?

At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr. Pearce gave details of the instructions issued to the special officers making the survey. They were to locate untrained nullahs, with a view to dealing with them; to locate pools caused by the draining over the hillsides of surface water; to note the presence of undergrowth likely to harbour mosquitoes (including bamboo clumps and fences); the presence of collections of water inside and outside private premises, especially sumps for collecting water for garden watering. Dr. Pearce said that several potential mosquito breeding-places had been discovered and some had been dealt with, as reports had been sent to the Department, from time to time, without waiting for the completion of the survey.

The Chairman: I understand that you have not so far discovered any considerable number of anopheline mosquitoes?

Dr. Pearce: No. In reply to Dr. Koch, Dr. Pearce added that a more extensive survey was being made than in previous years and it would therefore take somewhat longer, but he expected that the report would be ready within a month.

With reference to an application by the Craignowes Cricket Club for permission to erect modern sanitary conveniences at the Club pavilion, the Chairman said, in reply to the Hon. Mr. Perkins, that it had been made clear to the officials of the Club that after a few years it would be necessary to find a fresh supply of water for the convenience, as the existing nullah would be diverted as a result of the East Praya Reclamation scheme.

The application was granted. Mr. Carter Clark applied for permission to construct 45 w.c.s. at flats to be erected at 716-721, Coronation Road, Kowloon. The Director of Public Works opposed it on the ground that the outfall would be a nuisance in the Harbour Refuge.

Mr. Alabaster remarked that the presence of the sampans in the Harbour Refuge had the same effect.

Mr. Perkins retorted that two wrongs did not make a right. No doubt a water carriage system, quite clear of the Harbour Refuge, would have to be constructed some day, but he did not think it desirable to create a nuisance in the meantime.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Perkins, the application was refused.

This concluded the business.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES.

A PARTNER ARRESTED.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, Lam Long, partner of the Hongkong Tailoring Co., of No. 1C, D'Aguilar Street, was charged with having on January 24, embezzled the sum of \$72.35.

The accused denied the charge.

Mr. F. G. Vaux, who prosecuted, said that he had a further charge of embezzlement of the sum of \$31.60 which the accused had collected from the Sang Keng Co., and failed to pay to the credit of his firm, to prefer against him.

To this charge the accused also pleaded "not guilty."

Outline of the case, Counsel said that the accused and a man named Ching Fook were joint managers of the Hongkong Tailoring Co., and as such, were empowered to collect in behalf of the firm the rents of several houses of which the company were agents.

The accused had collected the rents of several shops and made out receipts, but had failed to pay a sum of \$185, the total of the amounts which formed the subject of the two charges against him, to the credit of his firm.

Counsel said that as he had only just been instructed for the prosecution, he was not prepared to proceed with the case, and asked for a remand.

BIG CITY BLAZE.

FOUR FLOORS GUTTED.

EARLY MORNING OUTBREAK.

About 2.55 this morning a fire broke out on the ground floor of No. 293, Queen's Road Central, occupied by the Hon. Chan firm of dealers in Chinese tobacco and foreign goods. On arrival, the Fire Brigade found the flames had already taken a hold of the first floor of the house, and helped by a strong wind, were rapidly spreading to the other two floors. Attention was at once turned to the two upper floors, but it was soon apparent that attempts to save them were futile, and all efforts were directed to preventing the flames from spreading to the neighbouring houses. In this the Brigade was successful, after a long and strenuous fight.

All the four floors of No. 293 were completely gutted. The first floor of the house was occupied by the Lai Cheung foreign goods firm and the two upper floors were used as a boarding house. Fortunately the outbreak was discovered early, and all the inmates of the floors were able to make their escape. Damage to the stock of the Hon. Chan firm is estimated at \$6,000. The goods were covered by insurance for \$9,000, \$4,000 with the South British Insurance Co. and \$5,000 with the Chung On Insurance Co. The extent of damage done to the other three floors has not yet been ascertained, nor is known if they were covered by insurance. The cause of the outbreak is attributed to the overheating of a stove used on the ground floor for drying tobacco leaves.

Dated the 26th day of April, 1921.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG TAILORING COMPANY.

I, the Undersigned, L. LAM, hereby notify that I am still the Chief Manager of the HONGKONG TAILORING COMPANY of No. 1C D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong. Tailors, and have full power to receive monies and give receipts on behalf of the said firm and to enter into contracts and pledge the credit of the said firm in the ordinary course of business.

Dated the 26th day of April, 1921.

L. LAM.

NOTICE.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship, "ATSUTA MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed on their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & General Consignees' Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark and number and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 14th May, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, April 27, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

MONDAY, May 23, 1921,

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at the Premises of the China Mining & Smelting Co. Ltd. LOWU,

The Plant of the above

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Comprising all the Machinery,

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 27, 1921.

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Sealed tenders should be lodged with Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Calcutta. The tenders which must be in Sterling, will be opened at Calcutta on FRIDAY, the 17th June, 1921, and must be valid for 14 days after that date.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO.

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CALCUTTA,

Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

KINEMA NOTES.

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SUMATRA MARU Tuesday, 3rd May.

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SHANGHAI AND TIENTSIN	CHINAH	Apr. 30, at 4 p.m.	
SWATOW & BANGKOK	FRANCIA	May 4, at 10 a.m.	
AMOY, SHANGHAI & PUKOW	SHANGHAI	May 3, at Noon.	
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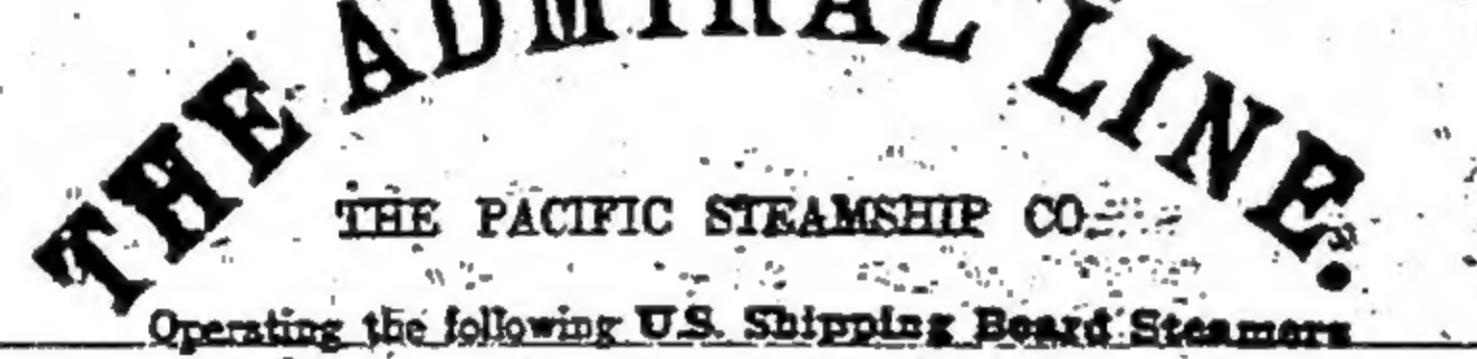
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"DILWARA"	8,378	10th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"KAGOGA"	7,000	13th May	MARSEILLE, LONDON & AFRICA
"PLASLY"	7,346	11th June	MARSEILLE, LONDON & AFRICA

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (aboard)	Destination
"TAKADA"	7,000	9th May	Calcutta, via Singapore Penang and Rangoon.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (aboard)	Destination
"KANGWAH"	7,000	6th May	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	8,000	25th May	+ Calls Dulu omits Sandakan.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (aboard)	Destination
"DILWARA"	5,400	27th Apr.	Shanghai only.
"JAPAN"	6,000	28th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai and Kobe.
"PLASLY"	7,346	24th May	Shanghai and Japan.
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KATORI MARU Friday, 13th June, at 11 a.m.
KASHIMA MARU (omit Manila) Tuesday, 17th July, at 11 a.m.

LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said & Marseilles.

INABA MARU Friday, 29th April, at 11 a.m.
KAMO MARU Friday, 13th May, at 11 a.m.
IYO MARU Friday, 27th May, at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, LONDON, HULL & ROTTERDAM via Suez.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

AKI MARU Tuesday, 17th May, at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU Tuesday, 21st June, at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

YAMAGATA MARU Middle of May.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

KAWACHI MARU Beginning of May.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

WAKASA MARU Saturday, 2nd April.

BAKAKI MARU Tuesday, 5th May.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOSA MARU Thursday, 5th May.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TANGO MARU Tuesday, 17th May, at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

ATSUWA MARU Thursday, 25th April, at 11 a.m.

MALACCA MARU Thursday, 26th April, at 11 a.m.

LIMA MARU Friday, 27th April.

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NOTICES AT THE ENTRE-DEPOT

HONGKONG HOTEL

April 26.

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VI—A DISC OF LIGHT.

BY SAUER ROHMER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

(COPRIGHT, 1911.)

All the cunning of the Hashishin, the scheming of the sly breed man, and the alertness of Scotland Yard meet in this proaic old Fleet street, where the thousands pass with no thought of the grim tragedy being enacted in their midst.

Again I doubted the wisdom of Bristol's plan. Had I not fled to the Astoria to escape from the dangerous solitude of my rooms? That he was laying some trap for the hashishin was sufficiently evident and while I could not justly suspect him of making a pawn of me I was quite unable to find any other explanation of this latest move.

I was torn between conflicting doubts. I glanced at my watch. Yes! There was just time for me to revisit the bank before joining Bristol at my chambers! I hesitated. After all, in what possible way could it jeopardize his plans for my merely to pretend to bring the keys?

"Hang it all!" I said, and jumped to my feet. "Those maddening conjectures will turn my brain! I'll let matters stand as they are, and risk the consequences!"

I hesitated no longer, but passed out from the hotel and once more turned my steps in the direction of Fleet Street.

As I passed in under the arch through which streamed many busy workers, I told myself that to dread entering my own chambers at high noon was utterly childish. Yet I did dread doing so! And as I mounted the stair and came to the landing, which was always more or less dark, I paused for quite a long time before putting the key in the lock.

As I closed the door behind me, something, probably a slight noise, but possibly something more subtle and insidious—made me turn rapidly.

There facing me stood Hassan of Aleppo!

That moment was pungent with drama. In the intense hush of the next five seconds I could fancy that the world had slipped away from me and that I was become an unsubstantial thing of dreams. Hassan of Aleppo appealed to me; and now, with my back to the door, I stood watching him and watching the ominous black tube which he held in his hand. It was a weapon unknown to Europe and therefore more feared than the most up-to-date of death-dealing instruments.

Hassan of Aleppo pointed it toward me.

"The keys, effendi," he said— "hand me the keys!"

He advanced a step; his manner was impious. The black tube was

less than a foot removed from my face. That I had my revolver in my pocket could avail me nothing, for in my pocket it must remain, since I dared to make no move to reach it under cover of that unfamiliar, terrible weapon.

The black eyes of Hassan glared insanely into mine.

"You will have placed them in your pocket-case," he said. "Take it out; hand it to me!"

I obeyed; for what else could I do? Taking the case from my pocket I placed it in his lean brown hand.

An expression of wild exultation crossed his features; the eagle eyes seemed to be burning into my brain.

A puff of hot vapour struck me in the face—something was expelled from the mysterious black tube. And with memories crowding to my mind of similar experiences at the hands of the hashishin, I fell back, clutching at my throat, fighting for my life again, the deadly, vaporous thing that, like a palpable cloud, surrounded me. Then a curtain of darkness descended. I experienced a violent blow upon the forehead (I suppose I had pitched forward) and for the time resigned my part in the drama of the sacred slipper.

At about 5 o'clock that afternoon Inspector Bristol, who had spent several hours in Soho upon the scene of the murder of the Greek, was walking along Fleet Street, bound for the offices of the Report. As he passed the court on the corner of which stands a branch of the London County and Provincial bank his eye was attracted to a curious phenomenon.

There are reflectors above the bank windows which face the court; and it appeared to Bristol that there was a hole in one of these, the furthest from the corner. A tiny beam of light shone from the bank window on the reflector, or from the reflector on the window; which circumstance in itself was not curious. But above the reflector, at an acute angle, this mysterious beam was seemingly projected upward. Walking a little way up the court he saw that it shone through and cast a disc of light upon the ceiling of an office on the first floor of Bank Chambers, above.

It is every detective's business to be observant; and although many thousands of passers-by must have cast their eyes in the same direction that day, there is small wonder in the fact that Bristol alone took the trouble to inquire into the mystery—for his trained eye told him that there was a mystery here.

He walked down the court and into the entrance of Bank Chambers. An inspection of the board upon the wall showed him that the first floor apparently was occupied by three firms, two of them legal, for this is the neighbourhood of the law courts, and the third a press agency. He stepped up to the first floor. Past the door bearing the names of the solicitors and past that belonging to the press agent he proceeded, to a fourth suite of offices. Here, pinned upon the door frame, appeared a card which bore the legend:

(To be continued.)

ROMANCES OF CRIME.

MAKING DRAMA OF THE COURT.

A MURDER OF MYSTERY.

An Ex-Official of Scotland Yard writes in *Reynold's Newswriter*.

Nearly forty years ago all Europe was excitedly discussing a murder which in its mystery, its romance, and baffling complexity, outstripped the most imaginative flights of fiction, and which has had no rival in the annals of crime. Who was Henry Vaughan, the mysterious shipowner, who on his own confession had been an eye-witness of the victim's death, and what had become of him? Such were the questions that passed from lips to lips in every country of Europe, and to which no answer was forthcoming until, when even the most sanguine had begun to despair of a solution, Henry Vaughan was at last run to earth with a detective skill and a dogged tenacity which won the admiration of the world.

The curtain rose on this amazing crime-drama with the announcement in an Antwerp newspaper on January 14, 1882, of the disappearance of Monsieur Guillaume Bernays, one of the City's best-known lawyers. M. Bernays, as the report ran, had left Antwerp by the 9.30 a.m. express train for Brussels. He had been seen to enter the train at Antwerp, and to leave it at Schaerbeek, and from that moment he had vanished as completely as if the earth had swallowed him. Several days had passed, and he had neither returned home nor been seen at Brussels; and his relatives and friends were utterly at a loss to imagine what had become of him.

"M. Bernays," the report in the Antwerp "Prestreus," concluded, "a Jew by birth, became a convert to Catholicism, and has latterly exhibited a certain leaning towards the religious life. It is conjectured that he may possibly have joined some monastic order under an assumed name."

THE WIFE AND THE VISITOR.

Further inquiry revealed the following facts. About ten years earlier M. Bernays had married a beautiful girl, daughter of a well-to-do Antwerp merchant. A year later he had introduced to his home one of his clients, a Mr. Armand Peltzer, a tall, handsome man of charming manners, who had quickly established himself on an intimate footing in his family. This friendship had lasted until a few months before the disappearance, when M. Bernays, alarmed by Peltzer's marked attentions to his wife and her growing infatuation for him, was obliged to ask him to cease to visit his house—"since," as he explained, "your presence in my house is the cause of insulting gossip about Madame."

In the light of this story of betrayed trust, it was only natural that M. Peltzer, the man who had been forbidden to enter the lawyer's house, should be suspected of having had a hand in his disappearance. And it soon began to be broadly hinted that M. Bernays had been made away with by the man who had supplanted him in his wife's affection. But at such a suspicion Peltzer merely smiled. He was able to prove to the police, who had now taken the affair in hand, that he was in Antwerp during the whole of the day on which the lawyer had disappeared, and that thus he could not possibly have had any personal part in the mystery.

A STRANGE LETTER.

Thus a few more days passed without throwing the least light on the problem, until on the 18th, the Antwerp coroner received a letter, signed "Henry Vaughan," which threw a startling and unexpected light on it. In this letter the writer, after declaring that his conscience would not allow him to keep silent any longer on the subject, continued: "If the police will go to my house, No. 159, Rue de la Loi, in Brussels, they will find the dead body of M. Bernays, whose sad and tragic end happened thus. Eight days ago M. Bernays, by my invitation, came to Brussels to see me on certain matters of business connected with shipping, in which I am interested. During the interview his attention was drawn to some pistols which I had on my desk and which he asked my permission to examine. He was handling one of them when he must have accidentally pressed the trigger. The weapon, to my horror, went off and the bullet, entering his neck, killed him instantly. This tragic event so unnerved and alarmed me that although I had no part whatever in it, I felt

obliged to fly, realising the danger of arrest and the difficulty I should have, as I was alone with him at the time, of establishing my innocence of causing his death."

This strange letter the coroner at once handed to the police, with the result that a few hours later M. Bernays, the Royal Procurator, and two detectives presented themselves at No. 159, Rue de la Loi, to find that it was unoccupied, its tenant, Mr. Vaughan, a wealthy shipowner, as they were informed, being absent on his travels. They obtained admission to his house by breaking a window, and, entering one of the two rooms on the ground floor, discovered the body of the missing lawyer seated in an armchair.

On a table in front of the dead man were five pistols, a sixth, the fatal weapon, lay on the floor near his feet. In the drawers of a desk they found a number of received hotel bills, ranging from Brussels to Antwerp and Bremen; and also the cards of a number of prominent Belgian lawyers.

WHO WAS THE WITNESS?

It was thus clear that M. Bernays had come to a tragic end. But who was the mysterious Mr. Vaughan, the writer of the letter which had led to the discovery, who although he professed innocence of any part in his death, confessed that he had run away to escape arrest, realising that circumstances pointed to his guilt? Enquiries soon established that, whenever he was, he had made no concealment whatever about himself or his business. He had come to Brussels to establish a new steamship company. He was known personally to many of the business men in the city, and also to several tradesmen, who all spoke of him as frank, pleasant, and gentlemanly, with the air of a prosperous business man. He was of middle height, with long black hair and black moustache, who spoke French without a trace of foreign accent.

When M. Bernays, on his return to Antwerp, asked Peltzer if he knew anything of this mysterious Mr. Vaughan of Brussels, he answered emphatically, "No, I know nothing whatever of any man of that name or description." And when Madame Bernays, the dead man's widow, begged him with tears in her eyes, to swear that he knew nothing of Henry Vaughan, he swore a solemn oath that he had no knowledge of him. Probably never have the police been faced by a more difficult task than that of running to earth the fugitive shipowner, who alone seemed to know the secret of M. Bernays' death; and with what cleverness and patience they discharged it, this story will prove. Their first step was to scatter broadcast throughout Europe a minute description of him, with a facsimile of one of his letters, and to offer a reward of 25,000 francs for information leading to his arrest. But, although many persons came forward with the information that they had met the man, no shred of evidence was forthcoming as to his present whereabouts. The only assistance the police received was evidence that he wore a wig, and that his black moustache was dyed—thus suggesting that Henry Vaughan was masquerading in a character not his own.

A NEW LINE.

Thus month after month passed without disclosing any trace of the runaway; and meanwhile the original suspicion that Armand Peltzer was in some way connected with the tragedy began to raise its head again. Peltzer, it was discovered by the police, had a ne'er-do-well brother, Leon, who had been in business at Antwerp, and who had a highly discreditable history. He had been often seen in Brussels during the weeks preceding the tragedy; and those who had seen his handwriting declared that it strongly resembled that of "Henry Vaughan's" letter to the coroner. Was it not possible, the suspicion began to grow, that, although Armand took no personal part in the lawyer's death, he might have employed his unscrupulous brother to murder the man who had insulted him by closing his door against him?

Evidence, too, had been growing that Henry Vaughan was not an Englishman, as he professed to be. Whoever he was he was clearly "playing a part," for among several witnesses whose statements supported this theory, a porter at the Hotel Britannia declared that Vaughan spoke English with a strong French accent, while a hatter, when one of Vaughan's hats was found at No. 159, Rue de la Loi, was shown to him, declared positively that its owner was certainly not an Englishman.

At the trial which followed, which excited the greatest interest from end to end of Europe, Leon sought to save himself by making a full confession, declaring that he had been merely the tool of his clever and unscrupulous brother, who had planned and conducted the plot throughout, and had supplied the necessary funds. The evidence was conclusive, and both brothers were sentenced to the death by an insolent and defiant attitude to the last. When asked by the judge if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed on him, he exclaimed, melodramatically, "My daughter's curse on the jury who have condemned me, an innocent man!"

In such dramatic fashion was the trial rung down on a drama which, for cleverness of conception and execution, and for its mystery, as well as for the marvellous detective skill displayed, has probably no rival in the history of crime.

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SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

Only one tournament match, in connection with the Handicap Doubles, was played on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday afternoon, when J. B. Pennan and A.D. Humphreys met J. R. Wood and G. R. Sayer in a close struggle which resulted ultimately in a win for the former pair in three straight sets, by 22 games to 15. Result: Match to Pennan and Humphreys, 3-1, 7-5, 6-3.

THE CHINESE INTERPORT.

HONGKONG WINS DOUBLES.

At the C.R.C. yesterday afternoon the Chinese Lawn Tennis Interport between Hongkong and the Straits, concluded with a doubles match in which Ng Sze Kwong and W. Lok Wei (Hongkong) were opposed to Cheah Keng Tye and Chung Ah Ming (Straits). The Hongkong players who won in fine form, outgamed their opponents and won the match easily in two straight sets 6-1, 6-2. The visitors played a very sporting game throughout, but they made many mistakes from which the local players profited considerably. The Hongkong men were deadly accurate, and giving nothing away, won the match without stretching themselves to any great extent. The Straits players who were in charge of the station, however, showed resource. Next morning, by means of a picket, which he had as a grapnel, he picked up the ends of the broken cable. Improvising a wooden raft, which he anchored, he fastened to it the broken cable ends and made a through connection with a piece of covered copper. He then constructed a primitive telegraph set, and got into communication with Suwa and made known his plight.

Mr. Avery described the laying of a cable from Peterhead, on the Aberdeenshire coast, to Alexandrovsk, a small town on the shore of an inlet of the White Sea, a war-time operation accomplished with great secrecy. The resumption of trade with Russia, he said, would now bring the cable into full commercial use. The linking up of the "All Red" route was also the result of the war. One of the German Atlantic cables from Emden to New York was cut in the English Channel and taken into Penzance. The distant end was picked up on the other side of the Atlantic, about 300 knots added to it, and taken into Halifax (Nova Scotia). The "All Red" cable had good fortune in the matter of interruptions on the whole.

It works by "contagious magic" upon the principle that what has been a part of a man remains, though disengaged from him, a magical sympathy with his person and what happens to it will happen to him. This is especially true of teeth, the hardest and most indestructible part of a man. Young children were always regarded as being particularly susceptible to magical influences of all sorts. Therefore if a dog gnaws the cast milk tooth of a child a contagion is set up and the tooth which grows in its place is a "dog's tooth." Many an old woman can point to a "dog-toothed" neighbour as proof of this. The superstition appears to be universal and in some countries the cast milk teeth are deliberately placed where rats can get at them in the belief that if they do the child's new teeth will be as strong and sharp as the midjet's.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWEL complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy to hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Stores.

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Apr. 29.—L.C.S.N. Wingsang.
30.—D.L. Haiching.
May 1.—L.C.S.N. Kwongang.
1.—L.C.S.N. Teepao.
2.—O.S.K. Kajio Maru.
3.—C.N. Kaichow.
4.—D.L. Kaichow.
5.—O.S.K. Sechu Maru.

AMOY.

Apr. 30.—D.L. Haiching.
May 1.—O.S.K. Kajio Maru.
2.—D.L. Haiching.
3.—C.N. Sinkiang.
4.—O.S.K. Sechu Maru.

FOOCHOW.

Apr. 30.—D.L. Haiching.
May 1.—D.L. Haiching.

SHANGHAI.

Apr. 30.—C.N. Soochow.
31.—L.C.S.N. Wingsang.
32.—L.C.S.N. Hoepang.
33.—C.N. Chenan.
34.—C.N. Kwangtung.
35.—D.L. Tali.
36.—C.N. Sinkiang.
37.—L.T. Nippem.
38.—C.N. Tsinan.
39.—D.L. Tsinan.
40.—C.N. Anhwei.
41.—D.L. Deta.

WEIHAIWEI AND CHEFOU.

Apr. 30.—C.N. Kueichow.
31.—C.N. Huihew.

TIENTSIN.

Apr. 28.—C.N. Kueichow.
29.—C.N. Huihew.

TSINGTAO.

Apr. 30.—C.N. Chenan.

KEELUNG.

May 1.—O.S.K. Kajio Maru.

TAKAO.

May 2.—O.S.K. Soochow Maru.

PUKOW.

May 3.—C.N. Sinkiang.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

May 4.—L.C.S.N. Loihsang.
5.—C.N. Haifong.

SAIGON.

May 1.—O.S.K. Shien Maru.
10.—M.M. Amazone.
18.—A.L. Lake Onawa.

BANGKOK.

May 1.—O.S.K. Shien Maru.
2.—L.C.S.N. Teepao.
3.—C.N. Kaichow.

SINGAPORE.

Apr. 24.—C.M. China.
May 1.—O.S.K. Shien Maru.
18.—A.L. Lake (news).
June 24.—C.M. Nile.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.

Apr. 24.—L.C.S.N. Loihsang.
May 23.—A.L. Abercrombie.
June 4.—C.M. Nanking.

SEA PORTS, ETC.

May 3.—J.C.J.L. Tjissak.
3.—N.Y.K. Van Clow.
10.—C.P.M. Macassar Maru.
13.—C.J.L. Tjissak.
19.—A.L. Lake Onawa.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.
(Via Rangoon).
Apr. 30.—L.C.S.N. Yatting.
May 2.—C.N. Tsinan.
6.—N.Y.K. Tjissak.
20.—B.L. Japan.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Apr. 30.—O.S.K. Ganges Maru.
May 2.—N.Y.K. Hakkai Maru.
10.—P.O. Dihawa.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Apr. 28.—A.O. Changsha.
May 3.—C.A. Victoria.
6.—E.A. Kanawa.
13.—C.A. Hwang Pung.
17.—N.Y.K. Kajio Maru.
25.—E.A. St. Albans.
June 31.—N.Y.K. Tung Maru.

JAPAN PORTS.

Apr. 28.—N.Y.K. Atsuta Maru.
22.—N.Y.K. Makoto Maru.
22.—B.L. Japan.
22.—C.J.L. Tjissak.
24.—B.F. Teesoo.
26.—P.O. Piley.
27.—P.O. Tjissak.
28.—P.O. Tjissak.

LIVERPOOL.

May 3.—B.P. Antiochus.
17.—B.P. Tydeus.
June 8.—B.P. Euryalus.
24.—B.P. Bellerophon.

HAMBURG.

May 1.—B.P. Teesoo.
5.—B.P. Euryalus.
7.—B.P. Alcibiades.

July 1.—B.P. Teesoo.
7.—B.P. Euryalus.

Aug. 1.—B.P. Klytus.

DRY 14 YEARS.

SCIENTIST'S SUNSPOT THEORY.

The Abbe Moreux, a leading French scientist and director of Bourges Observatory predicts that the next 14 years will be dry. He says that dry and wet periods alternate, each lasting about 17 years in Western Europe.

The wet and dry periods he considers correspond to the average number of spots on the sun, and by means of diagrams he shows that the sunspot curve and rainfall curve at Paris for the last 100 years seem to bear some relation to each other.

Since the beginning of the 19th century there have been 4 wet periods and 3 dry periods—the fourth dry beginning in 1918. The wet periods were 1806 to 1825, 1841 to 1855, 1870 to 1885, and 1901 to 1918. For the next 14 years he predicts colder winters and hotter summers, with drier weather, good for cereals and vines.

Drought is causing much anxiety in some parts of France. Many wells are dry. Traffic on the Bourgogne Canal has been interrupted for three months.

AMERICAN PORTS.

Apr. 28.—C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.
May 10.—C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.
16.—D.L. Melville Dollar.
June 23.—C.P.O.S. Empress of Asia.
Aug. 18.—C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.
23.—C.P.O.S. Montague.
Sept. 30.—C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.

VICTORIA.

May 14.—A.L. Venetia.
31.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru.

PEELTILLE.

May 4.—B.F. Protzelmar.
6.—C.N. Maru.
11.—W.Y. West Jetzer.
12.—N.Y.K. Kajio Maru.
24.—A.L. Edmore.
25.—B.F. Tener.
26.—O.S.K. Africa Maru.
31.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru.
July 6.—B.F. Tali.
9.—A.L. Keystone State.
12.—N.Y.K. Kishima Maru.
15.—A.L. Venetia.
16.—B.F. Protzelmar.
18.—A.L. Keystone State.
24.—B.F. Tener.

PORTLAND.

Apr. 29.—A.L. Montague.
June 2.—A.L. Abercrombie.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Apr. 28.—S.D. West Jeana.
May 14.—T.K. Peri Maru.
16.—C.J.L. Gorontalo.
18.—C.M. China.
25.—T.K. Tali.
June 10.—T.K. Siberia Maru.
21.—T.K. Tali.
July 1.—T.K. Korea Maru.
13.—C.M. Nile.

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VIA PIAZZA.

May 4.—B.L. New York.
7.—B.F. Venetia.
12.—N.Y.K. West Jetzer.
13.—N.Y.K. Kajio Maru.
14.—A.L. Edmore.
15.—C.N. Tener.
16.—B.F. Protzelmar.
17.—C.N. Africa Maru.
20.—B.F. Tali.
21.—B.F. Tener.
22.—O.S.K. Tali.
23.—B.F. Protzelmar.
24.—B.F. Tener.
25.—B.F. Tali.
26.—B.F. Teesoo.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.
(VIA SINGAPORE, BUNFO, ABERA, RIO DE JANEIRO, SAO PAOLO AND MAREITIUS).

May 18.—O.S.K. Chicago Maru.

EUROPEAN PORTS.

GRINDISI, VENICE, & TRIESTE.

May 14.—L.T. Persia.

MARSEILLES.

May 10.—M.M. Amazon.

LONDON.

Apr. 29.—P.O. Soudan Maru.
29.—N.Y.K. Indra Maru.
30.—N.Y.K. Venetia Maru.

May 5.—B.L. Protzelmar.
12.—P.O. Soudan Maru.
13.—O.S.K. Indra Maru.

18.—B.L. Venetia Maru.
23.—B.F. Demodoco.

24.—B.F. Asperdon.
25.—G.L. Gleniffer.
26.—B.F. Plassey.

June 1.—P.O. Macao.
11.—B.F. Archibus.
12.—B.F. Deltius.
17.—B.F. Teesoo.

July 7.—B.F. Venetia Maru.
12.—B.F. Mentor.

13.—P.O. Nyambo.
14.—P.O. Kalyan.

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MOVE TO SELL THEM BACK AGAIN.

Are the 140 ex-German steamers
which have not yet found owners to
be resold to the Germans? The
question was raised in Parliament by
Sir Edwards Carson.

The answer given by Colonel Leslie
Wilson, the Parliamentary Secretary
of the Ministry of Shipping, showed
that the matter has been under con-
sideration. "This is a question for
the Reparations Commission," he
said, "and, of course, for the Govern-
ment to decide, on the advice of the
Reparations Commission. The whole
position is to be put before the
Council of the Chamber of Shipping."

Mr. Gould, a Cardiff shipping man,
said he believed the German ships
sold at the top of the market had
realised £22 to £25 per ton. To-day
they could not get more than £10 for
the ships. In January 236 shipbuild-
ing orders here were cancelled, and
in February 80, and it would be a
serious thing if these other German
ships were to be thrown on the
market.

Colonel Wilson replied that there
is a superabundance of tonnage in
the world at the moment, and that
with the present high cost of mate-
rials and labour it does not pay to
build ships. The average price
obtained for the German ships, which
were of all types and all ages—one
of them was built in 1872—had been
£1 a ton.

Four fatal cases of small pox
and one of enteric fever, were
reported yesterday, also one non-fatal
case of cerebro spinal fever. All the
cases were Chinese.

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"BELLEROPHON"	24th June	Genoa, Miles, Liverpool & Glasgow

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INWARD MAILS.

For	Prix	Time
Wednesday, April 27.		
Shanghai		Chenan
THURSDAY, April 28.		
Strait		Malacca Maru
Japan and Shanghai		Indra Maru
Strait		Lima Maru
U.S.A. and Shanghai		China
FRIDAY, April 29.		
Saigon		Andre Lebon
Shanghai		Sinkang

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Prix	Time
Wednesday, April 27.		
Bangkok		Uwajima Maru No. 16
Semarai and Wuchow		4 p.m.
Pakhot and Haiphong		4.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, April 28.		
Amoy, "Shanghai," North China & Japan		8 a.m.
Amoy, "Nanking," North China and Japan		9 a.m.
Philippine Islands, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand, via ISLAND.		10 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.		Changsha
Shanghai and "North China," Japan		10 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central & South America & EUROPE, VANCOUVER.		10 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.		Empress of Russia
Japan, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tsinan		1 p.m.
"Swatow" and "Quinbom"		2 p.m.
Swatow		4 p.m.
Swatow, "Shanghai" and "North China"		4 p.m.
FRIDAY, April 29.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MAESILLEK.		5 p.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.		Indra Maru
Philippine Islands and "North China"		6 p.m.
Ningpo, "Shanghai" and "North China"		6 p.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan		6 p.m.
SATURDAY, April 30.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MAESILLEK.		8 p.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.		Soudan
The Far East Mail will be closed on Friday, 29th, inst. at 5 p.m.		8 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Haiching
Swatow and Bangkok		China
"Straits," Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN		1 p.m.
Shanghai and North China		1 p.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tsinan		2 p.m.
"Swatow," Shanghai and "North China"		2 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok		Teepoo
SUNDAY, May 1.		
Saigon, Amoy and Keeling		Suisang
Swatow, Amoy and Keeling		Kaije Maru
MONDAY, May 2.		
Swatow and Bangkok		Changchow
TUESDAY, May 3.		
Swatow and Bangkok		Haichow
Amoy, "Shanghai" and "North China"		11 a.m.
Amoy, "Quinbom"		11 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, May 4.		
Hoitow and Haiphong		Loitong
THURSDAY, May 5.		
Shanghai and North China		Sunning
SUNDAY, May 8.		
Hoitow, Pakhot and Haiphong		Haifong
WEDNESDAY, May 12.		
Amoy and "Philippine Islands"		Taiming

Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 27. 11h. 35m.—Pressure has increased considerably at Weihaiwei; other changes are slight. The depression remains over Toegang.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 9.94 inches, against an average of 10.29 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on April 28th.

1.—Hongkong to Gar-Rock, S. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lan-ko-ki. The same as No 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No 1.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

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WHY IS THE NAME "AMERICA" APPLIED TO THE WESTERN CONTINENT?

Every schoolboy knows that the name "America" refers to the explorer Amerigo Vespucci, but comparatively few know of the circumstances which led up to the bestowal of this name, rather than that of Columbus, upon the New World. Major, the expert on the science of map-drawing, has shown that the appellation "America" first appeared on the map of the world drawn by no less an artist than Leonardo da Vinci, and he explains the circumstances which led up to its adoption as follows:

"The first map known to exist with the New World delineated upon it, is that drawn by Juan de la Cosa, the pilot of Columbus on his second voyage. This map is dated 1500. Juan de la Cosa was with Ojeda and Vespucci, and afterwards with Ojeda on his last and ill-fated expedition. In May, 1501, just the year after the death of Columbus, a man named Martin Waldseemuller wrote a book to which was appended a Latin account of the four voyages of Vespucci. In this book, published at St. Die in Lorraine, Waldseemuller proposed that the name "America" should be given to the New World, in honour of Vespucci whom he erroneously supposed was the discoverer of the continent."

"In 1503, the first engraved map containing the New World, appeared in an anonymous work entitled "Globus Mundi," published at Strasburg. The map of the world of Leonardo da Vinci, presumably issued in 1514, has the name America across the South American continent as well as the North—thus a Dutch author and an Italian artist contrived, possibly without malice, to rob Columbus of at least some of the